

Adult Summer Reading List Suggestions

1. **Traveling in Italy with Henry James: Essays** [DB048308](#)
 - Letters to friends and family, and essays about a total of fourteen trips to Italy taken by the Victorian novelist. Arranged geographically by editor Fred Kaplan, selections describe travel to Venice, Rome, Florence, Naples, and the countryside in between at the time when Italy was first united into a secular state.
2. **The Other Paris** [DBC02847](#)
 - Paris, the City of Light, the city of fine dining, haute couture, was until recently always accompanied by its shadow: the city of the poor, the criminal, the eccentric, the nonconforming. That second metropolis has nearly vanished but its traces are in the bricks and stones of the contemporary city, in the culture of France itself, and by extension, throughout the world.
3. **Save Amelie** [DB088436](#)
 - 1939. Rachel Kramer returns to Germany, wary of her own past. She encounters her former fiancé, now an SS officer married to her estranged friend, Kristine, who has written to her for help. Kristine worries that her deaf daughter, Amelie, will be declared unfit and wants Rachel to save her. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.
4. **Eleven Minutes** [DB060714](#)
 - Disappointed by a first love, Maria moves from Brazil to Geneva, Switzerland, and begins a sexual odyssey working as a prostitute. A chance encounter with a young painter leads her to the discovery of the sacred nature of sex in the context of a loving relationship. Explicit descriptions of sex.
5. **One of Us: The Story of Anders Breivik and the Massacre in Norway** [DB082174](#)
 - Details the life of Anders Breivik, who detonated a bomb outside the prime minister's office in Oslo, Norway, and then proceeded to gun down sixty-nine attendees of a youth camp in July 2011. Discusses the country's reaction.
6. **Thermopylae: The Battle That Changed the World** [DB067505](#)
 - 480 B.C.E. Classical historian Cartledge, author of *The Spartans*, focuses on the critical military conflict between the invading Persians, led by King Xerxes, and the defending Spartans of Greece. Details the two empires' cultural differences and describes the battle's outcome, which determined the course of Western civilization.
7. **Fodor's 97 Great Britain** [DB044509](#)
 - Tips on dining, shopping, sightseeing, accommodations, and recreational activities in Great Britain. Specific chapters highlight London, the Channel Islands, the Thames Valley, the heart of England, Lancashire and the Peaks, Yorkshire, East Anglia, Wales, Scotland, the South, the Southwest, the Southeast, and the Northeast.
8. **Madrid and Southern Spain** [DB016218](#)
 - Introduction to tourist Spain lists available facilities, and discusses factors that have shaped the people and their customs.
9. **Poland** [DB048408](#)
 - The history, culture, and prospects for the future of the eastern European country of Poland. Discusses its seven geographical regions and recalls its "golden age." Describes the systems of democracy, Nazism, and communism embraced at various times over the years. Includes a brief chronology.
10. **How the Irish saved Civilization** [DB041657](#)
 - Cahill demonstrates how literacy and classical learning survived through the efforts of "men so strange they lived in little huts on rocky outcrops and shaved half their heads and tortured themselves." The author chattily relates how these Irish monks began in the fifth century to handcopy literature crucial to a later growth of medieval culture.